



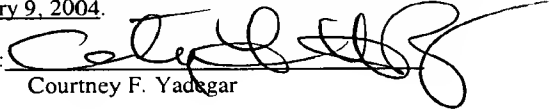
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 8, 2003 and the Advisory Action mailed on December 30, 2003. The period for response extends to February 9, 2004, with a one-month extension of time. Please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified patent application:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.